

COMMENT FORM - June 2003 Public Information Meetings

The Illinois Route 29 Study

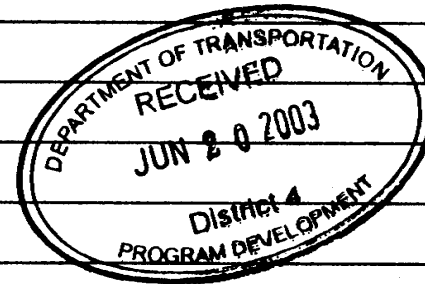


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We are strongly opposed to the planned routes in the South Section. The proposed routes come within a few hundred feet of our home in Galena Knolls subdivision. We bought this property because of its quiet, low traffic location. Now, we are faced with a severe reduction in quality of life, not to mention a significant loss in property value.

We believe there are many homeowners along the proposed route with similar feelings. The hardship and disruption this will cause to people along the route isn't justified by the small economic benefit it will bring

to the region



Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Paula and Frank Gerke

Affiliation:

Address: 16215 N. Lincoln Ct
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Illinois Route 29
Various Counties
Four Lane Study along IL 29 from IL 6 to I-180
Job Nos. P-94-009-01 & P-94-019-02
Catalog No. 032469-00P

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gerke
16215 N. Lincoln Court
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gerke:

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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By: Eric S. Therkildsen, P.E.
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Galena Knolls Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 83 Rome, IL 61562

Mr. Eric Therkildsen P.E.
Program Development Manager
Illinois Department of Transportation
401 Main Street
Peoria, Illinois 61602

June 19, 2003

Reference: Route 29 Study Public Meeting at Chillicothe, Illinois on June 12, 2003

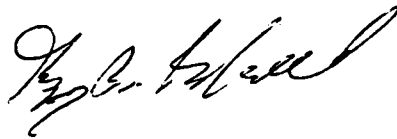
Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Galena Knolls Subdivision (located on Rome West Rd.) Homeowners Association, I would like to inform you that the general feeling of the homeowners within this subdivision is to oppose the Illinois route 29 study as it currently exists with regard to the South Section.

The primary focus of our objection is the unnecessary need to expend taxpayer dollars on a new four-lane highway running parallel to an existing four-lane highway (Route 29) from the Route 6-Route 29 intersection just for the convenience of bypassing the city of Chillicothe. It will increase the level of noise and take a significant amount of farmland out of production.

It would be our preference if you would expand the current Route 29 north of Chillicothe to a four-lane highway from the current two-lane highway. We feel this would be the best use of taxpayer dollars and have minimal impact on the noise and the reduction of productive farmland.

Sincerely,
Greg Brownfield
President



Galena Knolls Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 83
Rome Illinois 61662-0083



Cc. Honorable Ray LaHood, Congressman
Cc. Bernie Thieben, Medina Township





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Rome, IL 61562

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I think its plain stupid to take good farm land for a high way that is only going to save 2 mins. to 180. The money would be better used to widen I9 and maintain it. I'm against any proposal to any thing else and intend to do every thing I can to fight it. We need to feed our county more than we need to save 2 min. We've lost to much land to these stupid roads anyway. Wake up.

Name: Mary Karrick

Affiliation: property owner

Address: 502 County Rd. 850 E
Spaulding, IL 61565

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Ms. Mary Karrick
502 County Rd. 850E
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Ms. Karrick:

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OF THE 2 ROUTES:

RTE 29 THROUGH SPARLAND
WOULD BE BAD NEWS.

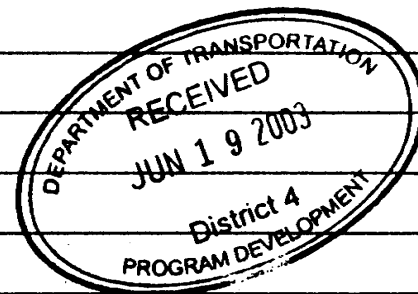
RECENTLY A PART OF OUR TOWN
WAS, AT GREAT COST, CONVERTED
TO WETLANDS. LOST TAX BASE:-
SEWER/WATER REVENUE-STREET
TO NOWHERE-MORE BREEDING
AREA FOR MOSQUITOES.

ROUTE 29 ROUTE WOULD GIVE
US MORE OF THE SAME PLUS
65MPH TRUCK TRAFFIC!

TOO BAD WE CAN NOT CONVERT
THIS BURNING DESIRE TO SPEND
MONEY TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE
WHAT WE HAVE RATHER THAN A
NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

IF WE SPENT 1/2 THE TIME AND
MONEY STUDYING SOIL CONDITION
WE SPEND LOOKING FOR DEAD

INDIANS AND SPOTTED OWLS WE
WOULD PROBABLY COME UP WITH
~~THE~~ THE BEST ROUTES FOR
NEEDED (?) ROADS.



Name: LLOYD S. DAVIS, JR.
Affiliation: SPARLAND RESIDENT TAXPAYER.
Address: P.O. BOX #52 SPARLAND, ILL.
61565

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Mr. Lloyd S. Davis, Jr.
P. O. Box 52
Sparland, IL 61565

Dear Mr. Davis:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your opposition to the improvement going through the city of Sparland. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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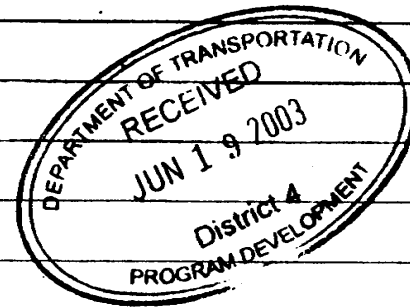
Gentlemen,

I attended open house/public meeting on June 11, 2003 in Henry, IL held at Henry Senachwine High School.

I strongly oppose proposed preliminary alignments H3 and H4, because these two proposals cut through and destroys our family farming operation which includes:

two homes, two barns, a corn crib, eight grain bins, two machine storage buildings with maintenance repair shops, an airplane hangar, a 2,000 foot certified airstrip, two irrigation wells, and two center pivot irrigation systems. We grow irrigated specialty crops on this farm and are currently growing contracted seed corn; this is a profitable farming operation. Proposals H3 and H4 turn this farming operation into a net loss unprofitable operation causing a financial disaster and economic hardship for myself and several family members.

See attached yellow highlighted farm map located between route 29 and 1300 east sections 20 and 17, Henry Township.



Name: Gerald C. Villiger - GCV

Affiliation: co-operator/co-owner

Address: 1127 W Sycamore St
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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1127 W. Sycamore St.
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Location: Marshall County, Section #8

From: Indian Town Rd, South to Cemetery Rd

Second farm from Rt. 29 on Indian Town Rd

Farm # 1999

Assets on farm: Pivot irrigation to water 160 acres

: Water Wheel irrigation with underground pipes

Wells: 1 well pumps 900 gals. per minute

1 well pumps 1000 gals. per minute that is hooked to the iron pipes and waters the area around the Cemetery and lower (So.) corners

A road going through this farm would ruin the farm, irrigation systems and to farm the far side (east) would be out of the question.

We have the idea that R. 29 could be widened in most places "quicker", cheaper, and would not take "Good Farming Ground."

Name: Lyle B. Moushon, Trustee
Affiliation: Hazel D. Moushon, Trustee
Owners

Address: 16439 W. Wheeler Rd

Mapleton, IL 61547-9615

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Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Moushon
6439 W. Wheeler Road
Mapleton, IL 61547

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There are questions as to when the proposed new highway will be built. Will it be soon or in about 10 years?

If this highway is built more than a half mile out of Henry, we might just as well turn off the lights because the town will die. This is also true for Chillicothe.

Also, where will access roads be built? The project could be helpful if it provided easy access to the towns along the way. If this project only helps Peoria with

no concern for the towns along the way, we are better off to leave things the way they are. When you look at Highway 39, many of the small towns on its route have shrunk considerably.

Let's try to do the best for the citizens of Henry, Chillicothe, etc.

Name: Joyce Word
Affiliation: Wood Chav-Pontiac-Bruick
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Henry, IL 61537

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You also asked when the project would be built. Currently, the project is only funded for the four-year planning phase which will produce a preferred alignment with proposed right-of-way requirements and estimated costs. Design plans and construction itself are dependent upon availability of funding in the future.

Additionally, you expressed concern in your comments regarding access to the new highway. Decisions concerning access points will be made as the study progresses. More detailed information will be available at future public meetings. Notice of these meetings will be given in local newspapers and will be included in the project's newsletter.

Ms. Joyce Wood
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DOWN CHILLICOTTE AND CONNECT INTO RT. 29
NORTH OF TOWN. INTERSECTIONS OR BYPASSES
NEEDED AT CEDAR HILLS DR (FOR CAR TRAFFIC),
AT CLOVERDALE RD & TRUITT.

FORGET THE REST OF THE PROPOSAL
TO BUILD TO I-180 AND GIVE US A
BRIDGE AT MASSVILLE AND COMPLETE
THE RING ROAD.

AN EXPANDED R-29 DOWN-
RALLY GIVE US AN EXPRESSWAY TO CHICAGO
WHERE THE RING ROAD AND AN EXPANSION
TO EITHER RT 39 OR 80 OR 55 WOULD.

THE PLAN OUTLINED AT THAT MEETING
CONTAINS TWO MAJOR WATER LAIDS AND BLUFFS
TO DEAL WITH. IT COULD VERY WELL END
UP BEING AN ENVIRONMENTAL NIGHTMARE.

Name: JAMES E CHRISTIANER
Affiliation: RETIRED CHAIRMAN PEK COUNTY BOARD
Address: 618 W. SIMPLY CLASSIC RD.
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Mr. James Christopher
618 Singing Woods Rd.
Edelstein, IL 61526

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for a bypass at Chillicothe. You also expressed support for completion of the Ring Road. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

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DURING THE DESIGN OF SYCAMORE TRAIL SUBDIVISION ON THE WEST EDGE OF CHILLICOTHE A LIFT STATION WAS PLACED ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF THE DEVELOPMENT. AS DEVELOPERS OF THE SITE, WE PROVIDED FOR CAPACITY OF 170 LOTS. THE CITY OF CHILLICOTHE, REALIZING IT'S PRIMARY GROWTH WOULD BE TO THE WEST, INCREASED THIS LIFT STATION CAPACITY BY AN ADDITIONAL 180 HOMES TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT INSIDE THE CLOVERDALE / KRAUSE RD. / TRUITT RD. RECTANGLE. THE ALIGNMENT S-E WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN THE CITY'S ADDITIONAL SEWAGE CAPACITY INVESTMENT BEING FOR NAUGHT. THE S-A ALIGNMENT PROTECTS THE CITY'S AND THE DEVELOPERS INVESTMENTS AND PROVIDES FOR ADEQUATE FUTURE GROWTH WITHOUT APPROACHING THE BLUFFS TO THE WEST.

THE DEVELOPERS OF SYCAMORE TRAIL, HAVING MADE A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF CHILLICOTHE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE S-A ALIGNMENT. FURTHER, WE SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE CITY'S EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.

Name: TERRY RUHLAND, JEFF KOLBUS, RICK HINCK
Affiliation: SYCAMORE TRAIL LLC, TRADER'S REALTY,
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P.O. BOX 90, CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523

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Mr. Terry Ruhland, Mr. Jeff Kolbus and Mr. Rick Hinck
P. O. Box 90
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Very truly yours,

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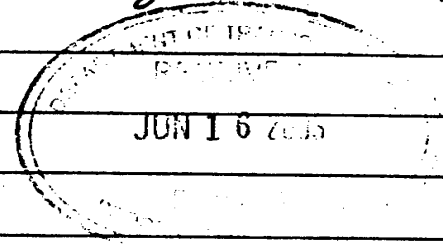


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Dear Sir: June 13-03

Three yrs ago when this study was started, we were told by Congressmen and other DOT officials that Rt. 29 would be improved to 4 lanes where possible & upgraded in other areas for the economical growth in our area. Somewhere in this study the term Expressway was added. We do not need nor want an expressway to get people to Chicago faster. Bypassing each town is NOT bringing any opportunities to our area. In fact it does just the opposite, it further erodes the economic base of an already troubled area. We need to foster our area as a scenic area. Traveling 65 on an expressway that goes around every town does Not do this. We would like our road developed

and fixed for the beauty of this area and use it as a drawing card for people to enjoy. Please continue with the Long Road plan around Peoria to connect to I-39 for those who want to travel 65 mph. But for the people north of Peoria, please keep the road on Rt. 29 with improvements made where feasible.



Name: Cheryl Wood

Affiliation:

Address: 1018 Yankee Lane
Sparsand, IL 61565

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Ms. Cheryle Wood
1018 Yankee Lane
Sparland, IL 61565

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I support the proposed
54 or 55 west of
Chillicothe.

Name:

Don Panner

Affiliation:

Chillicothe Planning Comm.

Address:

1115 W. ELM

CHILICOTHE, IL 61523

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Mr. Don Connor
1115 W. Elm
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Adding a 3rd/4th lane to the existing route 29 would be a better solution to the route 29 study.

When deciding the route, property lines and locations with houses should be considered. It looks like this was not even looked at when the lines were drawn on the map.

The proposed H3/H4 routes are too close to Henry and will cut through many properties with houses, etc.

Why don't you follow existing roads and property lines when drawing your maps? Is it really necessary to cut properties in half?

The route does not have to have the 65 mph requirement. Just adding lane(s) to the current route 29 would improve current traffic.

Who is pushing for the route to go close to Henry? Why should they decide for everyone?

Name: Karen Greer

Affiliation: tax payer / 29 commuter

Address: 1357 Co. Rd. 1350N.
Henry, IL 61537

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Ms. Karen Greer
1357 County Rd. 1350N
Henry, IL 61537

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H-3, C-2, S-4 alignments are poor selections for winter travel due to open fields and drifting snow.

Bypassing Henry would be bad for businesses along existing Rt 29 — and businesses in Chillicothe along 29 as well.

What is total mileage travelled between 180 + Rt 6 as it currently stands? What will the new distance be? How much more fuel will I burn travelling the new route?

How will I exit the proposed 4-lane to get on to Senachwine Valley Rd? Will it be out of my way, adding additional miles?

Will it actually be plowed in a timely fashion in winter — currently Route 18 into Peoria is poorly maintained in the winter. The existing 29 has bluffs to shelter it from snow.

Name: Susan Seney

Affiliation:

Address: RR 1 Box 33A

PUTNAM, IL 61560

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Ms. Susan Tenczar
R. R. #1, Box 33A
Putnam, IL 61560

Dear Ms. Tenczar:

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The Illinois Route 29 Study **29**

If you have questions, comments, or opinions related to this study, please complete this comment form.

We own 600 acre farm located near the Camp Grove Road. Your proposed Route 2 will split our farm in half, leaving one set of farm buildings on each side of the new highway.

Our ground has been in a government conservation program since in the 1940's. We were awarded the "Family Conservation Farm" for Marshall & Putnam Counties, in 2002. The latest programs, paid for by the Government has to be maintained for ten yrs. Now do we do this if you destroy the conservation practiced & drainage?

If you were to improve and upgrade the existing Route 29 it would better serve the local communities, residents and less disturb the valuable farm ground.

It would also seem a good idea if the state would take over Western Road & keep extending highway 18 to highway 40. This would improve the local traffic.

Name: Russell & Janet Spicer
Affiliation: Farm owner
Address: 1057 Camp Grove Rd.
Spaulding, IL 61565

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Mr. & Mrs. Russell Spicer
1057 Camp Grove Road
Sparland, IL 61565

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I do not understand how any of you feel your proposed highway C2 will help any of the local residents or communities.

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I would support your improving Rt #29. Your proposed C2 I feel would be bad and have terrible effect on local farms & communities.

The State should consider taking over Western Road and extend highway 18 to 40. This would also be a benefit.

Name: Elva J. Head
Affiliation: Farm Owner
Address: 220 W. Northridge Lane
Peoria, IL 61614

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Ms. Elva Head
220 W. Northridge Lane
Peoria, IL 61614

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

As landowners along Hardscrabble Rd from Peoria County line to RT 17 we OPPOSE C-2.

all of these farms owned by Dean Probyn, Terry Probyn, Robert Ward, and Kenneth Rembold have been recorded at the Marshall Co Courthouse and pledged to be kept in the Agriculture Conservancy Program for generations to come. We must strive to save this productive farmland to feed future generations.

Most of the land along Rt 29 is not productive land, therefore we favor C-3 + C 3A as they are practical routes and will benefit Sparland, Lacon, & Henry the most as this corridor could be used for businesses

wanting to locate along the highway. Since Rt 29 must be maintained anyway it seems much more practical to have one road instead of two.

Please help save our farms from being destroyed and the work of 4 generations to preserve the soil and the keep the family farms intact for generations to come.

We need our means of making a living on the farm.

Name: Dean + Lucille Probyn
Affiliation: Landowner along Hardscrabble Rd
Address: 891 Gimlet Creek Rd
Sparland, IL 61565

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891 Gimlet Creek Road
Sparland, IL 61565

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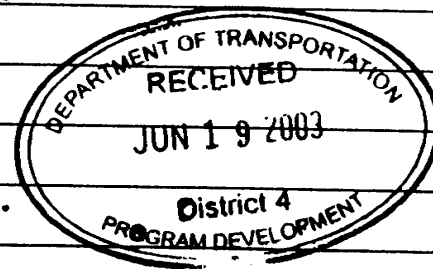


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The current "C-2" alignment study has this free way going through the back part of my family farm. This will cause ^{innumerable} erosion and sight/sound pollution ^{problems} to our land + adversely effect our way of life.

This land has been in my family since 1949, and will very adversely effect real estate value (for the worse) for farm land along + cut through by this free way. I strongly feel communities that desire this roadway construction, would be better served by having the free way go along route 29 through Spauld (C-3) rather than taking valuable farm land out of production.

I hope I.D.O.T. will consider the negative effect on wildlife such a project would have (in the C-2 alignment) + consider putting the highway along pre-existing route 29 along Spauld + Henry + not in rural areas (such as our farm) that will receive no benefit save for noise + sight pollution on our farm.



Name: Sam BOGNER, 846 COUNTY RD, 800E SPARLAND, IL 61565
Affiliation: (Son of LANDOWNER I LIVE ON THIS FAMILY FARM)
Address: 846 COUNTY RD, 800E, SPARLAND, IL 61565

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846 County Road 800E
Sparland, IL 61565

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Eileen Butte
474 Yankee Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

June 17, 2003



Eric Therkildsen, PE.
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Division of Highways/District 4
Illinois Department of Transportation
401 Main Street
Peoria, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Therkildsen and IDOT Administrators:

We have reviewed your proposal for The Illinois Route 29 Study (Highway to Chicago via Route 29). In 2000, you studied a proposal for Corridors A, B and C. The people who live on the bluff in the Corridor A area and many others sent you a very loud and clear message that (we) they did not want any highway up on the bluff or anyplace else in the Corridor A area.

A group of citizens from Bureau County suggested an alternative proposal that the only **acceptable highway would be one that stayed totally on Rt. 29.** The proposal was for a scenic drive area along the Illinois River. So you stopped the Corridor A, B and C study and authorized another 10 million dollars be given to the CH2Mhill Consultants to study the feasibility of putting a highway on Rt. 29.

What we see is that you took the highway proposal totally out of the bluff areas in Bureau County, but your alternative still has a proposal for a section of the highway (C-2) to go off Rt. 29 and on to the bluff that runs through west side of the Illinois River in Marshall County. **We understand** that certain laws dictate that you have to have an alternative in your design plan.

We want you to understand that we still vehemently oppose any highway that goes through any portion of the bluff area or the corridor

from Route 40 through Hopewell Estates. The majority of the area on the bluff belongs in the Midland School District. Our district had to close one school building and lay off 10 teachers and an equal number of aides at the end of the 2002-2003 school year because of State budget cuts. If you take this land for the highway, you further erode our district's tax revenue base. You also close off access roads our school buses, community emergency vehicles and farm vehicles freely access now, thus adding to their transportation expenses. You displace many farmers, destroy prime farmland and many beautiful homes some still under construction.

WE CANNOT AFFORD any more losses. The losses will just be passed on to the property tax payers in the form of higher taxes. How is that going to benefit anyone in the Route 29 or bluff area? If our children aren't educated, they won't have a use for a highway. If property owners have to bear the burden of additional taxes, they won't be using the highway to visit Chicago or even the malls in Peoria.

We cannot afford to fund our schools, our nursing homes or repair the roads we have, yet our congressman and other state and federal legislators seem to be able to come up with millions of dollars to fund these studies. We know that you got the message that we overwhelmingly opposed the highway in 2000-2001. What part of that didn't you understand?

Just so there is no misunderstanding from here on out, please put it in your study records that we don't want a highway in this area now or at any other time.

Sincerely,

Eileen Butte

CC: See Attached Page



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Ms. Eileen Butte
474 Yankee Lane
Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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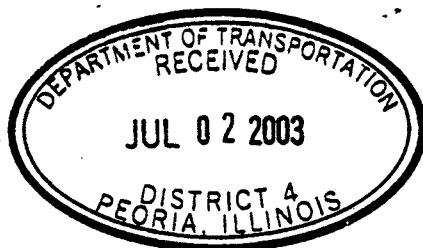
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CH2M Hill (Attn: Mr. Jim Jodie)

M. Lewis



July 1, 2003
1001 County Road 900E
Sparland, IL 61565
309-364-2851

Eric Therkildsen, PE Program Development Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation, District 4
401 Main St.-
Peoria, IL 61602

Dear Mr. Therkildsen,

I am sorry that this letter has not met the required deadline to be included in your study, but we did not have knowledge that one of the proposed roads were coming as close as it is or even possibly through our property. We became aware of the route from a neighbor a few days after the public meetings. Who would have guessed that the new super highway would follow Route 29 and then jump up onto the hill past Sparland. We are not apposed to progress or the betterment of the great Illinois.

What we are concerned about is that our home, our American Dream may be destroyed with what seems to not make much sense to come up on the hill as one of your routes. Our home is much more than a house on the hill.

It was our dream 30 years ago to raise our children in the country. Twenty four years ago we found the ground that we now call our home. We built the house ourselves from scratch. Each year we invested time and most of our extra cash for a home of our dreams in the country. We have planted trees throughout the years to celebrate special occasions, such as the birth of our grand children, special anniversaries and many more occasions. We have buried beloved pets, most were born and lived all of their lives on this very place. We have bull dozed a creek that once raged out of the banks. We later bull dozed what used to be a hazard of brush for the wildlife and those who traveled the road that follows our land. We have made the curve in the road clearly visible to the travelers making travel along our road much safer. We live in harmony with beaver, muskrats, ground hogs, wild turkeys, blue heron, wood ducks, wood thrush and much, much more.

I have enclosed a picture of home. Please know the impact that each of these routes will have on the people and wildlife in it's path. Once again I apologize for the tardiness of this letter. We had no idea that we could be in the path of the new route.

Sincerely Yours,

Louis and Judy Murphy



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Mr. & Mrs. Louis Murphy
1001 County Road 900E
Sparland, IL 61565

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Not opposed to corridor C-2 to the west of the Hopewell/Sparland Bluffs. I would be opposed to corridor C-3 along the river due to the environmental + scenic impact. Don't see how you can run four lanes through those narrow areas along the river without screwing something up. Stay west of the bluff. More space and more stable ground to the west means safer highways and less maintenance.

Name: Jim Morrison

Affiliation: _____

Address: 58 Waupekee, Sparland IL 61565

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ILLINOIS ROUTE 29 DESIGN STUDY

We are residents of Hopewell Village and are very upset at the prospect of losing our bluff. Our bluff has Indian artifacts and some burial on the hillside.

I know of one incident where a skull was found. There was \$380,000 paid to redo our retaining wall on the bluff and it would be a big waste of tax payer money.

We moved here because of the wild life. It would cause great damage to it. We are in favor the C-2 route behind Hopewell. It's cheaper to take farm land, which would be easier and cheaper, than carving away one of the most beautiful bluffs in our area.

We have several Native American artifacts in Hopewell and a National Carved Art of Carthage who did his work

across the U.S. Please protect the integrity of this beautiful bluff for future generations.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bunkhelter

P.S. SAY NO TO 29 widening.

PLEASE

WE ARE AGAINST THE
WIDENING OF
Rte. 29 !!!

Name: Ivan R. Bunkhelter

Affiliation: _____

Address: 11 Black Partridge Run
Hopewell, Ill. 61565

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Mr. & Mrs. Ivan R. Burkhalter
11 Black Partridge Run
Hopewell, IL 61565

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C.W. Benson 66 Winnabago Ct. Hopewell

I am against the proposed extension of 29 along the river past Hopewell. I purchased a house out in the country and am against the proposed route as it would increase traffic tremendously and ruin the peace and quiet we enjoy in the Village of Hopewell. The proposed route West of Hopewell is a better choice as it won't spoil the river area, and the quiet of our area.

Name: CHRIS BENSON

Affiliation:


Address: 66 WINNABAGO CT
Hopewell, IL 61565

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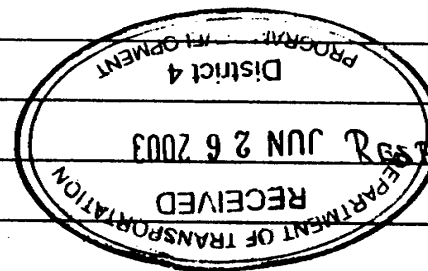
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ONE OF THE MANY REASONS WE MOVED OUT TO HOPEWELL WAS FOR THE QUIET AND TRANQUILITY THE AREA PROVIDES ITS RESIDENTS. WE INVESTED OVER \$200,000.00 IN THE PURCHASE OF OUR HOUSE AND PROPERTY. THE EXPANSION OF RT. 29 PAST THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL, BY THE RIVER, WILL TOTALLY DESTROY THE QUIET AND TRANQUILITY OF THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREA, AND CAUSE A DEMINATION OF PROPERTY VALUES, THIS NOT TO MENTION THE DEVASTATING EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. I WOULD URGE PLANNERS TO REDIRECT ANY EXPANSION TO THE WEST OF THE BLUFF AREA (C-2), THIS WOULD MAINTAIN THE VILLAGE AS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE, AND PROTECT THE RIVER AND ECO SYSTEM IN THE AREA. NO RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY WANTS A 4 LANE HIGHWAY SCREAMING PAST THEIR FRONT DOOR, WHICH IS WHAT WE WOULD HAVE, IF THE PRESENT RT. 29 IS EXPANDED PAST THE

ENTRANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOPEWELL. WE LIVE ON THE BLUFF OVERLOOKING RT. 29, EXPANSION ALONG THIS ROUTE WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO US, THE TRAFFIC NOISE ITSELF WOULD BE INTOLERABLE, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO END UP SELLING AND MOVING, WE WANT TO AVOID THIS AT ALL COSTS



Name: CHRIS W. BENSON

Affiliation:

Address: 66 WINNEBAGO CT

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66 Winnebago Court
Hopewell, IL 61565

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I am opposed to the S-4 route
west of Chillicothe. The road would
be next to (3) existing houses.
S-5 would use open farm ground
& not adversely affect no home.

Name: JOHN C. WAGNER

Affiliation: _____

Address: 4210 Cloverdale Rd.

Chillicothe, IL 61523

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Mr. John C. Wagner
4210 Cloverdale Road
Chillicothe, IL 61523

Dear Mr. Wagner:

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for Alignment S-5 west of Chillicothe. Thank you for taking the time to let the Department know your viewpoint. Your input will be included in the project record.

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If we are going to spend time and money going thru this exercise, we should go around towns. We should plan on doing this not only for now but for the future. The argument that it would ruin good farm land running the new road from the current stub off of Rte 6, in Bogus. The area in the river valley is nothing but sand, which requires large amounts of water to be productive. Run the road along the bluff and hook up with Rte 29 near Hartsville north of Chellicothe, using exit ramps to access the major roads in the area. The area of Rte 29 north of Chellicothe is a safety hazard due to excessive traffic, speeders and bad drivers in general. In traveling Rte 29 north of Chellicothe there is always

some one trying to pass you even if you are driving 60 mph in a 55 mph speed zone. By running the road along the bluff (west side) to hook up with Hartsville north of Chellicothe, you would disturb fewer residents and allow the traffic to disperse gradually as it progressed northward.

Name:

David Baldever

Affiliation:

Resident

Address:

15922 McCabe Drive,
Chellicothe, IL 61523

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